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Foster Township Board of Supervisors
1000 Wyoming Street
Freeland, PA 18224

ATTENTION: Township Secretary

Dear Secretary:

RE: C & D Recycling Inc.
Foster Township
Luzerne County

In accordance with the Department's commitment, this letter will serve as an update of activities concerning the C & D Recycling site.

1. In order to expand the scope of work to be performed by Roy F. Weston, the Department has allocated an additional ~~10,000~~ which brings the total award for this project to ~~10,000~~.
2. After consultation with Weston and a private consultant, the Department approved 8 monitoring wells around the site. Seven of these wells were installed between July 17 and August 7, 1985. The hydrogeologists for Weston and the Department agreed that well #7 which was discussed initially would not provide information not already provided by the other monitoring wells and was consequently eliminated.
3. Results of pond sediment and surface samples collected on June 19, 1985 were received from the Department's laboratory. The sediment samples showed a wide variation between the oral and written analysis reports for arsenic. You may recall that the Department has a procedure for obtaining oral analysis results by phone, however they are unofficial until confirmed in writing. Due to the difference of these two values, the Region discussed the results with the laboratory and it has been decided that sediment from the pond should be resampled. I am enclosing copies of the analyses with the understanding that further investigation of the sediment is scheduled. I anticipate that resampling will occur during the week of September 9 or soon thereafter.

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4. At the request of a Foster Township property owner, soil samples from four (4) nearby gardens were collected on August 26, 1985 and are now being analyzed by the Department's laboratory for lead, arsenic, and cadmium. The results will be distributed upon receipt.
5. The Department has received a number of requests to analyze private water supplies for homes in the vicinity of C & D. Such requests are being evaluated by the hydrogeologists to see if they are hydrologically prone to be affected by any contamination which might emanate from the C & D site. If, in the opinion of the hydrogeologists, the probability of these water supplies being affected by any contamination which might emanate from the C & D site is remote, the sampling program will not be expanded at this time. (See Comment #6)
6. The Superfund process for ranking and subsequent corrective action for the C & D site continues. The site has been nominated for placement on the National Priority List. If the Superfund process is initiated at C & D, a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study in all likelihood will be conducted. Such a study may involve the testing of private water supplies discussed above in Item 5.

The recommendations regarding lead levels in water supplies which were made at the March 7, 1985 meeting remain in effect. In addition, until the Department completes its investigation of the C & D site as a pre-cautionary measure, the Supervisors should advise residents to refrain from entering the property. Please do not interpret this as anything other than a caution that until all the facts are in, common sense would dictate that unnecessary entry onto the property should be discouraged.

Please contact me at (717) 826-2516 if there are questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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